LYNCHBURG CIRCUIT
WESTWARD INVESTMENT
PROPERTIES

vs. TESLA, INC

Case No.:CL21000115-00

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WESTWARD INVESTMENT

PROPERTIES, L.L.C., a Virginia

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Limited Liability Company

and *

TONY DEMARCO WEST *

Plaintiffs,

v. * COMPLAINT

TESLA, INC. d/b/a * CASE NO.: \(\textstyle \textstyle

Please serve: *
Registered Agent *
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM *

4701 Cox Rd Ste 285 *
Glen Allen, VA 23060 *

Defendant. *

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, come Plaintiffs, Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, and Tony DeMarco West (herein Mr. West) and move the Court for judgment against Defendant Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. on the following grounds of fact and law:

- On September 1, 2019, Plaintiffs purchased a new 2019 Tesla Model X, VIN 5YJXCBE26KF192766, manufactured by Tesla, Inc., from a licensed Tesla dealership located at 9850 W. Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060. The vehicle was purchased with an odometer reading of 50 miles, and for a total delivery price of \$112,363.44.
- 2. The vehicle came with a warranty from Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc.

- 3. The warranty includes Basic Coverage over the entire vehicle, unless specifically excluded, for four years or 60,000 miles, whichever came first.
- The vehicle's doors in Plaintiffs' vehicle are covered under the Basic Coverage Warranty.
- 5. On June 9, 2020, Plaintiff Mr. West delivered the vehicle to the dealership's repair facility. The vehicle's passenger side falcon door was not closing properly. At this time, the vehicle had a mileage of 8,903. The dealership attempted to repair the defect and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on June 09, 2020.
- 6. On August 26, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership again, to repair right-hand rear falcon door because it was not closing. The dealership attempted to repair the issue and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on August 26, 2020.
- 7. On September 23, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership again because the falcon door both would not close all the way and was opening more slowly. The dealership attempted to repair the defects and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on September 23, 2020.
- 8. On October 28, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership for repairs to the passenger falcon door that was still not closing. By this time, the left-hand side rear falcon door was opening slowly or not opening at all. The dealership attempted to repair the defect. The vehicle was returned to Mr. West on October 28, 2020.
- The defects of the driver's side and passenger's side rear falcon doors not opening and/or closing properly remain unrepaired. Plaintiffs' vehicle is defective,

- and cannot be repaired after a reasonable number of attempts. Accordingly, Plaintiffs filed this suit.
- 10. Written notice of the defects and nonconformities to the warranty enumerated above have been provided to Defendant on January 19, 2021 in accordance with VA Code § 59.1-207.13(E).

COUNT I – VIOLATION OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY ENFORCEMENT ACT

- 11. The facts alleged in paragraphs 1-10 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 12. The Plaintiffs' vehicle is a "lemon" under the Virginia Motor Vehicle Warranty

 Enforcement Act (VA Code § 59.1-207.9, et seq.). Plaintiffs are consumers as

 defined in VA Code § 59.1-207.11. Defendant Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc.
 is a manufacturer as defined in VA Code § 59.1-207.11.
- 13. It is presumed that a reasonable number of repair attempts have been made pursuant to Virginia Code § 59.1-207.13(B)(2). Defendant Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. has not conformed the vehicle to the applicable warranty during the Lemon Law rights period, in spite of notice being given within the required period. The Plaintiffs are entitled to a full buy-back of the vehicle, including: the full contract price, all collateral damages, incidental damages, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees (calculated at \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater) and costs.

COUNT II - VIOLATION OF THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT

- 14. The facts alleged in paragraphs 1-10 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 15. Plaintiffs are consumers as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3). Defendant meets the definition of a supplier and warrantor as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4)-(5). The vehicle is a consumer product as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 16. The vehicle was manufactured after July 4, 1975, and an express Limited

 Warranty and an implied warranty of merchantability was given to Plaintiffs as a

 part of the purchase, warranties which meet the definition of written warranty and
 implied warranty as contained in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6)-(7), respectively.
- 17. The Warranty has failed its essential purpose and the Defendant has violated the Act due to their inability to repair or replace the nonconformities within a reasonable time, and their refusal to provide the Plaintiffs with a refund as required in 15 U.S.C. § 2304(a)(1) and (4).
- 18. The Defendant has also breached its implied warranties of merchantability since the vehicle, in view of the nonconformities that exist and the Defendant's inability to correct them, is not fit for the ordinary purpose for which the vehicle is being used. See 15 U.S.C. §§ 2308, 2310(d).
- 19. As a proximate result of Defendant's violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and breach of their warranties, the Plaintiffs are entitled to rescission of the contract and a full buy-back of the vehicle, including: the full contract price, all collateral damages, incidental damages, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees (calculated at \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater) and costs. See 15 U.S.C. §§ 2304(a) and 2310(d).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. and Tony

DeMarco West respectfully pray that this Court enter judgment in their favor against the

Defendant, granting Plaintiffs' demands: for rescission of the contract, actual damages

of \$112,363.44, for all incidental damages after purchase, for attorney's fees and costs

in the amount of \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater,

and all other relief law and equity may provide.

TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED.

Respectfully submitted,

Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. & Tony DeMarco West

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Case 6:21-cv-00012-EKD Document 10 Filed 03/23/21 Page 7 of 45 Pageid#: 95 **COVER SHEET FOR FILING CIVIL ACTIONS** (CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY) COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA City of Lynchburg Circuit Court Westward Investment Properties L.L.C. & Tony DeMarco West v./In re: Tesla. Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. DEFENDANT(S) PLAINTIFF(S) I, the undersigned [] plaintiff [] defendant [x] attorney for [x] plaintiff [] defendant hereby notify the Clerk of Court that I am filing the following civil action. (Please indicate by checking box that most closely identifies the claim being asserted or relief sought.) **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW** PROBATE/WILLS AND TRUSTS **GENERAL CIVIL** [] Appeal/Judicial Review of Decision of [] Accounting **Subsequent Actions** [] Aid and Guidance (select one) [] Claim Impleading Third Party Defendant [] ABC Board [] Appointment (select one) [] Monetary Damages Board of Zoning [] Guardian/Conservator [] No Monetary Damages [] Counterclaim [] Compensation Board [] Standby Guardian/Conservator [] Monetary Damages [] DMV License Suspension [] Custodian/Successor Custodian (UTMA) [] No Monetary Damages [] Trust (select one) 1 Employee Grievance Decision [] Cross Claim [] Impress/Declare/Create] Employment Commission [] Reformation [] Interpleader] Local Government [] Will (select one) [] Reinstatement (other than divorce or Marine Resources Commission [] Construe driving privileges)] School Board [] Contested [] Removal of Case to Federal Court [] Voter Registration [] Other Administrative Appeal **Business & Contract MISCELLANEOUS** [] Attachment [] Amend Death Certificate [] Confessed Judgment DOMESTIC/FAMILY [x] Contract Action [] Appointment (select one) [] Adoption [] Contract Specific Performance [] Adoption – Foreign [] Church Trustee] Detinue 1 Conservator of Peace 1 Adult Protection [] Garnishment [] Marriage Celebrant [] Annulment [] Approval of Transfer of Structured **Property** [] Annulment - Counterclaim/Responsive Settlement [] Annexation Pleading 1 Condemnation [] Child Abuse and Neglect – Unfounded [] Bond Forfeiture Appeal [] Ejectment [] Declaratory Judgment Complaint [] Encumber/Sell Real Estate [] Declare Death] Civil Contempt [] Enforce Vendor's Lien [] Divorce (select one) Driving Privileges (select one) [] Reinstatement pursuant to § 46.2-427 [] Escheatment [] Complaint - Contested* Restoration – Habitual Offender or 3rd [] Complaint - Uncontested* [] Establish Boundaries [] Landlord/Tenant [] Counterclaim/Responsive Pleading Offense Unlawful Detainer [] Reinstatement -[] Expungement Firearms Rights - Restoration [] Mechanics Lien Custody/Visitation/Support/Equitable 1 Forfeiture of Property or Money [] Partition Distribution [] Quiet Title [] Separate Maintenance] Freedom of Information [] Termination of Mineral Rights [] Separate Maintenance Counterclaim [] Injunction **Tort** [] Interdiction [] Asbestos Litigation WRITS [] Interrogatory [] Compromise Settlement [] Judgment Lien-Bill to Enforce [] Certiorari [] Law Enforcement/Public Official Petition [] Intentional Tort [] Habeas Corpus [] Medical Malpractice [] Name Change [] Mandamus [] Motor Vehicle Tort [] Referendum Elections] Prohibition [] Sever Order [] Product Liability [] Quo Warranto [] Wrongful Death [] Taxes (select one) [] Correct Erroneous State/Local [] Other General Tort Liability [] Delinquent [] Vehicle Confiscation | Voting Rights - Restoration Other (please specify) Damages in the amount of \$ 112,363.44 are claimed 02/09/2021 [x] PLAINTIFF DEPENDANT [] PLAINTIFF DEFENDANT James B. Feinman, Esquire VSB: 28125 P.O. Box 697, Lynchburg, VA 24505 *"Contested" divorce means any of the following matters are in dispute: grounds of divorce, spousal support and maintenance, ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SIGNATOR child custody and/or visitation, child support, property distribution 434-846-7603 or debt allocation. An "Uncontested" divorce is filed on no fault jb@jfeinman.com grounds and none of the above issues are in dispute.

EMAIL ADDRESS OF SIGNATOR (OPTIONAL)

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February 9, 2021

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Kenneth T. Swisher, Clerk City of Lynchburg Circuit Court 900 Court Street Lynchburg, VA 24504

RE:

Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. & Tony DeMarco West v. Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla

Motors, Inc.

Dear Mr. Swisher:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of a Complaint which Mr. Feinman wishes to file, along with the civil coversheet and our check for the filing fee. Please mark the copy as "filed," issue the summons, and attach it to the extra copy for service by private process server.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Angela L. Mayer, Paralegal

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RE:

Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. & Tony DeMarco West v. Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla

Motors, Inc.

Case # CL21000115-00

Dear Mr. Swisher:

Attached please find an Affidavit of Service of the above-referenced Complaint on the Registered Agent for the defendant, Tesla, Inc. on February 16, 2021.

Please place this in the Court's file. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Angela L. Mayer, Paralega

angela@jfeinman.com

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March 9, 2021

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Lynchburg Circuit Court 900 Court Street Lynchburg, VA 24505-0004

Re:

Westward Investment Properties L.L.CL., et al v. TESLA, Inc.

Case No. CL21000115

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Tesla Motors, Inc., please find Notice of Filing of Removal, Notice of Removal and Certificate of Service with respect to the above-captioned action.

Please date-stamp the enclosed copy of this letter as proof of filing and return it to me in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed.

Your courtesies and cooperation in this matter are greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Mark W. Skanes

MWS/mmk Enclosures

cc: James B. Feinman, Esq. (via email and mail)

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State of Virginia

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Circuit Court

Case Number: CL21000115-00

Plaintiff:

Westward Investment Properties

Defendant: Tesla, Inc.

For: Feinman, James B. 1003 Church Street P.O. Box 697 Lynchburg, VA 24505

Received by Richmond Court Services Inc. to be served on Tesla, Inc. c/o CT Corporation System (Registered Agent), 4701 Cox Road, Suite 285, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

I, Kenneth Condrey, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 16th day of February, 2021 at 12:55 pm, I:

served an AUTHORIZED entity by delivering a true copy of the Summons & Complaint to: Jessica Fitzgeralde as Authorized Agent at the address of: 4701 Cox Road, Suite 285, Glen Allen, VA 23060. who stated they are authorized to accept service for Tesla, Inc., and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

I certify that I am over the age of 18, have no interest in the above action, and am a Certified Process Server, in good standing, in the judicial circuit in which the process was served.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 16th day of February, 2021 by the affiant who is personally known to me.

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In the LYNCHBURG CIRCUIT COURT

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Service on: TESLA, INC D/B/A TESLA MOTORS

R/A CT CORPORATION SYSTEM 4701 COX RD

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GLEN ALLEN VA 23060

Attorney: FEINMAN, JAMES

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LYNCHBURG VA 24505

Instructions:

Returns shall be made hereon, showing service of Summons issued Wednesday, February 10, 2021 with a copy of the Complaint filed Wednesday, February 10, 2021 attached.

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Service issued: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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CT Corporation System ("CT") is registered agent for service of process for numerous corporations and similar entities. CT receives the process only in its capacity as a commercial registered agent. The individuals designated below are employees of CT Corporation System and in receiving the process, do so only on CT's behalf and in CTs capacity as registered agent.

PLEASE NOTE: The Code of Virginia §§ 13.1-634 provides in part: "Registered office and registered agent.

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B. The sole duty of the registered agent is to forward to the corporation at its last known address any process, notice or demand that is served on the registered agent."

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The following natural persons are designated in the office of the registered agent upon whom any process, notice or demand may be served:

Katie Bush

Teresa Brown

Jessica Fitzgerald

This authorization does not certify the receipt or acceptance of any specific process

Zeresa Brown

Team Leader

CT Corporation System

State of Virginia County of Henrico

This day personally appeared before me, Teresa Brown, who name is signed above and who, being first duly sworn, upon her oath, state that the foregoing Affidavit is true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of April, 2018.

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NOW COMES Defendant Tesla Motors, Inc. (named herein as Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. ["Tesla"]), by its attorneys, RoseWaldorf PLLC, and hereby provides notice that it has filed a Notice of Removal in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia pursuant to 28 U.S.C §§ 1441(a) and 1446. A copy of the Notice of Removal is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

This action is now removed to the aforementioned United States District Court and the Circuit Court, City of Lynchburg, Virginia shall proceed no further in this matter.

Dated: Albany, New York March 9, 2021

ROSEWALDORF PLLC

By:

(Va. Bar No. 86953) Attorneys for Defendant Tesla Motors, Inc. 501 New Karner Rd.

Albany, New York 12205 Phone: (518) 869-9200

Fax: (518) 869-3334

mskanes@rosewaldorf.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Notice of Filing of Removal was served this date, March 9, 2021, upon counsel of record, via U.S. Mail and email, as follows:

James B. Feinman, Esq.
James B. Feinman & Associates
1003 Church St.
P.O. Box 697
Lynchburg, Virginia 24505

Dated: Albany, New York March 9, 2021

Mark W. Skanes, Esq. (Va. Bar No.: 86953)

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TONY DEMARCO WEST)
Plaintiffs v.)) Case No.: 6:21CV00012
TESLA, INC. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc.) NOTICE OF REMOVAL
Defendant.))

Defendant Tesla Motors, Inc. (named herein as Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. ["Tesla"]) hereby removes to this Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441 and 1446, an action pending in the Circuit Court, City of Lynchburg, Virginia, Case No.: CL21000115 ("state action"). Removal is proper for the following reasons:

RELEVANT PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- 1. On or about February 10, 2021, Plaintiffs Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. and Tony DeMarco West ("Plaintiffs") filed the state action as against Defendant Tesla, asserting claims for violation of the Virginia Motor Vehicle Warranty Enforcement Act ("Lemon Law") (Count I) and for breach of express and implied warranties under the federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act ("MMWA") (Count II) (*see* Summons and Complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit "A").
- 2. Plaintiffs' claims are all based upon allegations that their 2019 Tesla Model X, VIN: 5YJXCBE26KF192766 ("subject vehicle") contained alleged defects relating to the doors that

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Plaintiffs allege were not timely repaired pursuant to the Tesla written limited warranty (Complaint, Exhibit "A" hereto).

- 3. In connection with both claims, Plaintiffs seek a "full buy-back of the vehicle, including: the full contract price, all collateral damages, incidental damages, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees (calculated as \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recover, whichever is greater) and costs" (*see* Complaint ¶¶ 13, 19).
- 4. Plaintiffs allege they purchased the subject vehicle on September 1, 2019 and paid a purchase price of \$112,363.44 (id. ¶ 1).
- 5. On or about February 16, 2021, Defendant Tesla first received a copy of the Summons and Complaint.
- 6. Therefore, this Notice of Removal is timely, as it is filed within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Complaint by Defendant. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

BASIS FOR REMOVAL

- I. THIS COURT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1332
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 (a), a defendant may remove to federal district court, "any civil action brought in a State court of which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction."
- 8. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, a federal district court will have original jurisdiction over all "civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and is between (1) citizens of different States" A corporation is deemed a citizen of "every State and foreign state by which it has been incorporated and of the State or foreign state where it has its principal place of business." 28 U.S.C. § 1332(c).

A. <u>Complete Diversity Exists.</u>

- 9. Defendant Tesla, Motors, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with a principal place of business located in California (*see* Entity Information, Tesla Motors, Inc., Exhibit "B" hereto).
- 10. Plaintiff Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. is organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia with a principal place of business located in Virginia (*see* Entity Information, Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C, Exhibit "C" hereto; *see also* Complaint, Exhibit "A" hereto).
- 11. Plaintiff Tony DeMarco West is a citizen of Virginia (*see* Retail Installment Contract, Exhibit "D" hereto).
 - 12. Therefore, there is complete diversity of citizenship of the parties.

B. The Amount in Controversy Exceeds \$75,000.

- 13. The test for determining the amount in controversy in a diversity jurisdiction action is "the pecuniary result to either party which a judgment would produce." *See Dixon v. Edwards*, 290 F.3d 699, 710 (4th Cir.2002) citing *Gov't Employees Ins. Co. v. Lally*, 327 F.2d 568, 569 (4th Cir.1964). Furthermore, "if the plaintiff's complaint, filed in state court, demands monetary relief of a stated sum, that sum, if asserted in good faith, is 'deemed to be the amount in controversy." *See Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*, 574 U.S. 81, 84 (2014); *see also JHT Tax, Inc. v. Frashier*, 624 F.3d 635, 683 (4th Cir. 2010) (holding that "[i]n most cases, the 'sum claimed by the plaintiff controls' the amount in controversy determination").
- 14. Here, Plaintiffs have asserted claims under the Virginia Lemon Law and the MMWA (see Complaint, Exhibit "A" hereto). Under both claims, Plaintiffs seek to recover a refund of the purchase price of the subject vehicle, alleged to be \$112,363.44, in addition to incidental damages and

attorneys' fees (*see id.*). Therefore, by Plaintiffs' own allegations of actual damages sought (and without considering the incidental damages or attorneys' fees claimed), the \$75,000 amount in controversy threshold is met. *See Woods v. Maserati North America, Inc.*, 2018 WL 5018453 (E.D.Va. 2018) (finding jurisdiction proper where the plaintiff sought recovery of a refund of an alleged vehicle purchase price of \$89,170.34 in connection with claims under the Virginia Lemon Law and the MMWA).

15. Accordingly, it is facially apparent from the Complaint that the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. Therefore, this Court has original jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

II. THIS COURT HAS JURISDICTION OVER THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1331

- 16. In addition to proper jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332, this Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Section 1331 provides that "[t]he district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States."
- 17. Accordingly, this Court has original jurisdiction over this civil action as it involves a claim arising under the federal Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act ("MMWA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2301 et seq. See 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 18. The MMWA states in relevant part that a plaintiff may bring such a claim in federal court where the amount in controversy exceeds \$50,000. See 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(3)(B). The amount in controversy under the MMWA is determined by the damages sought under the MMWA claim and not an aggregate of all pendent state law claims. See Misel v. Mazda Motor of America, Inc., 420 Fed.Appx. 272, 274 (4th Cir. 2011).

- 19. As set forth above, Plaintiffs seek to recover a full refund of the contact price in the amount of \$112,363.44 in connection with the MMWA claim (*see* Complaint ¶ 19). Therefore, it is facially apparent from the Complaint that the amount in controversy for Plaintiffs' claims under the MMWA exceeds \$50,000. *See Woods, supra*. Accordingly, jurisdiction is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 15 U.S.C. § 2310(d)(3)(B).
- 20. Moreover, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367. Specifically, Plaintiffs' claims under the MMWA and the Virginia Lemon Law are all based upon the same allegations that the subject vehicle contained alleged defects that were not timely repaired (*see* Complaint, Exhibit "A" hereto). Accordingly, this Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' state law claims because such claims are derived from the same common nucleus of factual allegations and thus, are part of the same case or controversy as Plaintiffs' claims under the federal MMWA. See 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

III. ALL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET FOR REMOVAL TO THIS COURT

- 21. With the filing of this Notice of Removal, Defendant Tesla is providing written notice to all parties of record and is filing a copy of this Notice of Removal with the clerk of the Circuit Court, City of Lynchburg, Virginia, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 22. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) no other state court process, pleadings, orders or papers have been served upon Defendant other than the Summons and Complaint attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 23. This Court embraces the county and court in which the State Action was initially filed. See 28 U.S.C. § 127. Therefore, this action is properly removed to this Court.

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WHEREFORE, Defendant Tesla Motors, Inc. respectfully requests that this matter, currently pending in the Circuit Court of the City of Lynchburg, Virginia be removed to this Court.

Dated: Albany, New York March 9, 2021

ROSEWALDORF PLLC

By: s/ Mark W. Skanes

Mark W. Skanes, Esq. (Va. Bar No.: 86953) Attorneys for Defendant Tesla Motors, Inc. 501 New Karner Rd.

Albany, New York 12205 Phone: (518) 869-9200 Fax: (518) 869-3334

mskanes@rosewaldorf.com

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Notice of Removal and Civil Cover Sheet, filed through the ECF system on this date, will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice

of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered.

Dated: Albany, New York March 9, 2021

s/ Mark W. Skanes

Mark W. Skanes, Esq. (Va. Bar No.: 86953)

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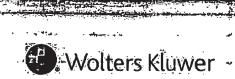
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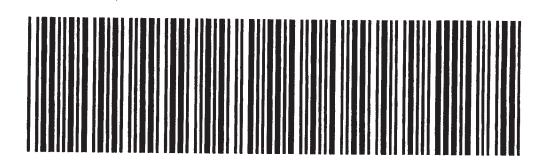
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Agent Name	C T CORPORATION SYSTEM
Case Number	680CL21000115-00
Jurisdiction	VA



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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



LYNCHBURG CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Division
900 COURT STREET P. O. BOX 4
LYNCHBURG VA 24505
(434) 455-2620

Summons

To: TESLA, INC D/B/A TESLA MOTORS
R/A CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
4701 COX RD
STE 285
GLEN ALLEN VA 23060

Case No. 680CL21000115-00

The party upon whom this summons and the attached complaint are served is hereby notified that unless within 21 days after such service, response is made by filing in the clerk's office of this court a pleading in writing, in proper legal form, the allegations and charges may be taken as admitted and the court may enter an order, judgment, or decree against such party either by default or after hearing evidence.

Appearance in person is not required by this summons.

Done in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia on, Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Hearing Official:

Attorney's name: FEINMAN, JAMES
1003 CHURCH ST
LYNCHBURG VA 24505

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG

WESTWARD INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company

and

TONY DEMARCO WEST

Plaintiffs,

v. * COMPLAINT

d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. on the following grounds of fact and law:

TESLA, INC. d/b/a
TESLA MOTORS, INC.,

Please serve:
Registered Agent
C T CORPORATION SYSTEM.
4701 Cox Rd Ste 285
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Defendant,

NOW INTO COURT, through undersigned counsel, come Plaintiffs, Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C., a Virginia Limited Liability Company, and Tony DeMarco West (herein Mr. West) and move the Court for judgment against Defendant Tesla, Inc.

CASE NO .:

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- On September 1, 2019, Plaintiffs purchased a new 2019 Tesla Model X, VIN 5YJXCBE26KF192766, manufactured by Tesla, Inc., from a licensed Tesla dealership located at 9850 W. Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060. The vehicle was purchased with an odometer reading of 50 miles, and for a total delivery price of \$112,363.44.
- 2. The vehicle came with a warranty from Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc.

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- 3. The warranty includes Basic Coverage over the entire vehicle, unless specifically excluded, for four years or 60,000 miles, whichever came first.
- The vehicle's doors in Plaintiffs' vehicle are covered under the Basic Coverage Warranty.
- 5. On June 9, 2020, Plaintiff Mr. West delivered the vehicle to the dealership's repair facility. The vehicle's passenger side falcon door was not closing properly. At this time, the vehicle had a mileage of 8,903. The dealership attempted to repair the defect and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on June 09, 2020.
- On August 26, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership again, to repair right-hand rear falcon door because it was not closing. The dealership attempted to repair the issue and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on August 26, 2020.
- 7. On September 23, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership again because the falcon door both would not close all the way and was opening more slowly. The dealership attempted to repair the defects and returned the vehicle to Mr. West on September 23, 2020.
- 8. On October 28, 2020, Mr. West returned the vehicle to the dealership for repairs to the passenger falcon door that was still not closing. By this time, the teft-hand side rear falcon door was opening slowly or not opening at all. The dealership attempted to repair the defect. The vehicle was returned to Mr. West on October 28, 2020.
- The defects of the driver's side and passenger's side rear falcon doors not opening and/or closing properly remain unrepaired. Plaintiffs' vehicle is defective.

- and cannot be repaired after a reasonable number of attempts. Accordingly, Plaintiffs filed this suit.
- 10. Written notice of the defects and nonconformities to the warranty enumerated above have been provided to Defendant on January 19, 2021 in accordance with VA Code § 59.1-207.13(E).

COUNT I - VIOLATION OF THE VIRGINIA MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY ENFORCEMENT ACT

- 11. The facts alleged in paragraphs 1-10 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 12. The Plaintiffs' vehicle is a "lemon" under the Virginia Motor Vehicle Warranty

 Enforcement Act (VA Code § 59.1-207.9, et seq.). Plaintiffs are consumers as

 defined in VA Code § 59.1-207.11. Defendant Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc.
 is a manufacturer as defined in VA Code § 59.1-207.11.
- 13. It is presumed that a reasonable number of repair attempts have been made pursuant to Virginia Code § 59.1-207.13(B)(2). Defendant Tesla, Inc. d/b/a Tesla Motors, Inc. has not conformed the vehicle to the applicable warranty during the Lemon Law rights period, in spite of notice being given within the required period. The Plaintiffs are entitled to a full buy-back of the vehicle, including: the full contract price, all collateral damages, incidental damages, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees (calculated at \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater) and costs.

COUNT II - VIOLATION OF THE MAGNUSON-MOSS WARRANTY ACT

- 14. The facts alleged in paragraphs 1-10 are incorporated herein by reference.
- 15. Plaintiffs are consumers as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(3). Defendant meets the definition of a supplier and warrantor as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(4)-(5). The vehicle is a consumer product as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(1).
- 16. The vehicle was manufactured after July 4, 1975, and an express Limited

 Warranty and an implied warranty of merchantability was given to Plaintiffs as a

 part of the purchase, warranties which meet the definition of written warranty and
 implied warranty as contained in 15 U.S.C. § 2301(6)-(7), respectively.
- 17. The Warranty has failed its essential purpose and the Defendant has violated the Act due to their inability to repair or replace the nonconformities within a reasonable time, and their refusal to provide the Plaintiffs with a refund as required in 15 U.S.C. § 2304(a)(1) and (4).
- 18. The Defendant has also breached its implied warranties of merchantability since the vehicle, in view of the nonconformities that exist and the Defendant's inability to correct them, is not fit for the ordinary purpose for which the vehicle is being used. See 15 U.S.C. §§ 2308, 2310(d).
- 19. As a proximate result of Defendant's violations of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act and breach of their warranties, the Plaintiffs are entitled to rescission of the contract and a full buy-back of the vehicle, including: the full contract price, all collateral damages, incidental damages, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees (calculated at \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater) and costs. See 15 U.S.C. §§ 2304(a) and 2310(d).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. and Tony DeMarco West respectfully pray that this Court enter judgment in their favor against the Defendant, granting Plaintiffs' demands: for rescission of the contract, actual damages of \$112,363.44, for all incidental damages after purchase, for attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$500.00 per hour or 1/3rd of the total recovery, whichever is greater, and all other relief law and equity may provide.

TRIAL BY JURY IS DEMANDED.

Respectfully submitted,

Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C. & Tony DeMarco West

By:

Of Counsel

James B. Feinman, Esq. (VSB # 28125) Blake K. Huddleston, Esq. (VSB # 93572) James B. Feinman & Associates 1003 Church Street PO Box 697 Lynchburg, Virginia 24505 434-846-7603 434-846-0158 (fax) ib@ifeinman.com blake@ifeinman.com Counsel for Plaintiffs

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Entity Information

Entity Information

Entity Name: Tesla Motors, Inc.

Entity ID: F1845868

Entity Type: Stock Corporation

Entity Status: Active

Formation Date: N/A

Reason for Status: Active and In Good Standing

VA Qualification Date: 12/21/2010

Status Date: 12/21/2010

Industry Code: 0 - General

-Period-of Duration:--Perpetual------

Jurisdiction: DE

Annual Report Due Date: N/A

Registration Fee Due Date: Not Required

Charter Fee: \$2500.00

Registered Agent Information

RA Type: Entity

Locality: HENRICO COUNTY

RA Qualification: BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO

TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

Name: CT CORPORATION SYSTEM

Registered Office Address: 4701 Cox Rd Ste 285, Glen Allen, VA, 23060 - 6808,

USA

Principal Office Address

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Principal Information/www.facebook.com/VirginiaStateCorporationCommission)

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Director	Name	Address	Last Updated
Yes	Elon Musk	3500 Deer Creek Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94304, USA	12/22/2020
No	Al Prescott	3500 Deer Creek Rd, Palo Alto, CA, 94304, USA	12/22/2020
No	Yaron Klein	3500 Deer Creek Road, Palo Alto, CA, 94304, USA	12/22/2020
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Entity Information

Entity Information

Entity Name: Westward Investment Properties, L.L.C.

Entity ID: S1934001

Entity Type: Limited Liability Company

Entity Status: Active

Formation Date: 07/11/2006

Reason for Status: Active

VA Qualification Date: 07/11/2006

Status Date: 08/27/2012

Industry Code: 0 - General

-Period-of-Duration: Perpetual-

Jurisdiction: VA

Annual Report Due Date: N/A

Registration Fee Due Date: Not Required

Charter Fee: N/A

Registered Agent Information

RA Type: Individual

Locality: LYNCHBURG CITY

RA Qualification: Member or Manager of the Limited Liability

Company

Name: TONY D WEST

Registered Office Address: 2600 MEMORIAL AVENUE, LL1, LYNCHBURG, VA,

24501 - 0000, USA

Principal Office Address

Address: 2600 MEMORIAL AVE STE LL1, LYNCHBURG, VA,

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Management Structure: N/A

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1. FINANCE CHARGE AND PAYMENTS

a. How we will figure Finance Charge. We will figure the Finance Charge on a daily basis at the Annual Percentage Rate on the unpaid part of the Amount Financed.

b. How we will apply payments. We may apply each payment to the earned and unpaid part of the Finance Charge, to the unpaid part of the Amount Financed and to other amounts you owe under this

contract in any order we choose.

what you must pay. We based the Finance Charge, Total of Payments, and Total Sale Price shown on page 1 of this contract on the assumption that you will make every payment on the day it is due. Your Finance Charge, Total of Payments, and Total Sale Price will be more if you pay late and less if you pay early. Changes may take the form of a larger or smaller final payment or, at our option, more or fewer payments of the same amount as your scheduled payment with a smaller final payment. We will send you a notice telling you about these changes before the final scheduled payment is due.

d. You may prepay. You may prepay all or part of the unpaid part of the Amount Financed at any time without penalty. If you do so, you must pay the earned and unpaid part of the Finance Charge and all other amounts due up to the date of your payment.

e. Your right to refinance a balloon payment. A balloon payment is any payment other than a down payment that is more than 10% greater than the regular or recurring installment payments. If you use the vehicle primarily for consumer purposes, you have the right to refinance a balloon payment over an extended period with additional payments. The additional periodic payments will not be more than 10% greater than the regularly scheduled installment payments.

2. YOUR OTHER PROMISES TO US

a. If the vehicle is damaged, destroyed, or missing. You agree to pay us all you owe under this contract even if the vehicle is damaged, destroyed, or missing.

b. Using the vehicle. You agree not to remove the vehicle from the U.S. or Canada, or to sell, rent, lease, or transfer any interest in the vehicle or this contract without our written permission. You agree not to expose the vehicle to misuse, seizure, confiscation, or involuntary transfer. If we pay any repair bills, storage bills, taxes, fines, or charges on the vehicle, you agree to repay the amount when we ask for it.

c. Security Interest.

You give us a security interest in:

· The vehicle and all parts or goods put on it;

All money or goods received (proceeds) for the vehicle;

All insurance, maintenance, service, or other contracts we finance for you; and

 All proceeds from insurance, maintenance, service, or other contracts we finance for you.
 This includes any refunds of premiums or charges from the contracts.

This secures payment of all you owe on this contract. It also secures your other agreements in this contract. You will make sure the title shows our security interest (lien) in the vehicle. You will not allow any other security interest to be placed on the title

d. Insurance you must have on the vehicle.

You agree to have physical damage insurance covering loss of or damage to the vehicle for the term of this contract. The insurance must cover our interest in the vehicle. If you do not have this insurance, we may, if we choose, buy physical damage insurance. If we decide to buy physical damage insurance, we may either buy insurance that covers your interest and our interest in the vehicle, or buy insurance that covers only our interest. If we buy either type of insurance, we will tell you which type and the charge you must pay. The charge will be the premium of the insurance and a finance charge computed at the Annual Percentage Rate shown on page 1 of this contract or, at our option, the highest rate the law permits.

If the vehicle is lost or damaged, you agree that we may use any insurance settlement to reduce what you owe

or repair the vehicle.

e. What happens to returned insurance, maintenance, service, or other contract charges. If we obtain a refund of insurance, maintenance, service, or other contract charges, you agree that we may subtract the refund from what you owe.

3. IF YOU PAY LATE OR BREAK YOUR OTHER PROMISES

a. You may owe late charges. You will pay a late charge on each late payment as shown on page 1 of this contract. Acceptance of a late payment or late charge does not excuse your late payment or mean that you may keep making late payments.

If you pay late, we may also take the steps described

below.

- You may have to pay all you owe at once. If you
 — break your-promises-(default), we may demand that
 you pay all you owe on this contract at once. Default
 means.
 - You pay any payment (plus any late charges) more than 10 days late or not at all;
 - You give us false, incomplete, or misleading information on a credit application;
 - You start a proceeding in bankruptcy or one is started against you or your property; or

You break any agreements in this contract.

The amount you will owe will be the unpaid part of the Amount Financed plus the earned and unpaid part of the Finance Charge, any late charges, and any amounts due because you defaulted.

- c. You may have to pay collection costs. If we hire an attorney to collect what you owe, you will pay the attorney's fee and court costs as the law allows. You will also pay any collection costs we incur as the law allows.
- d. We may take the vehicle from you. If you default, we may take (repossess) the vehicle from you if we do so peacefully and the law allows it. If your vehicle has an electronic tracking device, you agree that we may use the device to find the vehicle. If we take the vehicle, any accessories, equipment, and replacement parts will stay with the vehicle. If any personal items are in the vehicle, we may store them for you at your expense. If you do not ask for these items back, we may dispose of them as the law allows.
- e. How you can get the vehicle back if we take it. If we repossess the vehicle, you may pay to get it back (redeem). We will tell you how much to pay to redeem. Your right to redeem ends when we sell the vehicle.

Without our written permission.

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ARBITRATION PROVISION

PLEASE REVIEW - IMPORTANT - AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

- 1. EITHERYOU OR WE MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN US DECIDED BY ARBITRATION AND NOT IN COURT OR BY JURY TRIAL
- 2. IF A DISPUTE IS ARBITRATED, YOU WILL GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS MEMBER ON ANY CLASS CLAIM YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST US INCLUDING ANY RIGHT TO CLASS ARBITRATION OR ANY CONSOLIDATION OF INDIVIDUAL ARBITRATIONS.
- DISCOVERY AND RIGHTS TO APPEAL IN ARBITRATION ARE GENERALLY MORE LIMITED THAN IN A LAWSUIT, AND OTHER RIGHTS THAT YOU AND WE WOULD HAVE IN COURT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ARBITRATION.

Any claim or dispute, whether in contract, tort, statute or otherwise (including the interpretation and scope of this Arbitration Provision, and the arbitrability of the claim or dispute), between you and us or our employees, agents, successors or assigns, which arises out of or relates to your credit application, purchase or condition of this vehicle, this contract or any resulting transaction or relationship (including any such relationship with third parties who do not sign this contract) shall, at your or our election, be resolved by neutral, binding arbitration and not by a court action. If federal law provides that a claim or dispute is not subject to binding arbitration. This Arbitration Provision shall not apply to such claim or dispute. Any claim or dispute is to be arbitrated by a single arbitrator on an individual basis and not as a class action. You expressly waive any right you may have to arbitrate a class action. You may choose the American Arbitration Association, 1633 Broadway. 10th Floor, New York, New York 100.19 (www.adr.org), or any other organization to conduct the arbitration subject to jury approved. You may get a convention of the provision by the proposition by the provision of the the arbitration subject to our approval. You may get a copy of the rules of an arbitration organization by contacting the organization or visiting its website. Arbitrators shall be attorneys or retired judges and shall be selected pursuant to the applicable rules. The arbitrator shall apply governing substantive law and the applicable statute of limitations. The arbitration hearing shall be conducted in the federal district in which you reside unless the Seller-Creditor is a party to the claim or dispute, in which case the hearing will be held in the federal district where this contract was executed. We will pay your filing, administration, service or case management lee and your arbitrator or hearing fee all up to a maximum of \$5000, unless the law or the rules of the chosen arbitration organization require us to pay more. The amount we pay may be reimbursed in whole or in part by decision of the arbitrator if the arbitrator finds that any of your claims is frivolous under applicable law. Each party shall be responsible for its own attorney, expert and other fees, unless awarded by the arbitrator under applicable law. If the chosen arbitration organization's rules conflict with this Arbitration Provision, then the provisions of this Arbitration Provision shall control. Any arbitration under this Arbitration Provision shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. § 1 et. seq.) and not by any state law concerning arbitration. Any award by the arbitrator shall be in writing and will be final and binding on all parties, subject to any limited right to appeal under the Federal Arbitration Act.

You and we retain the right to seek remedies in small claims court for disputes or claims within that court's jurisdiction, unless such action is transferred, removed or appealed to a different court. Neither you nor we waive the right to arbitrate by using self-help remedies, such as repossession, or by filing an action to recover the vehicle, to recover a deficiency balance, or for individual injunctive relief. Any court having jurisdiction may enter judgment on the arbitrator's award. This Arbitration Provision shall survive any termination, payoff or transfer of this contract. If any part of this Arbitration Provision, other than waivers of class action rights, is deemed or found to be unenforceable for any reason, the remainder shall remain enforceable. If a waiver of class action rights is deemed or found to be unenforceable for any reason in a case in which class action allegations have been made, the remainder of this Arbitration Provision shall be unenforceable.

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f. We will sell the vehicle if you do not get it back. If you do not redeem, we will sell the vehicle. We will send you a written notice of sale before selling the vehicle.

We will apply the money from the sale, less allowed expenses, to the amount you owe. Allowed expenses are expenses we pay as a direct result of taking the vehicle, holding it, preparing it for sale, and selling it. Attorney fees and court costs the law permits are also allowed expenses. If any money is left (surplus), we will pay it to you unless the law requires us to pay it to someone else. If money from the sale is not enough to pay the amount you owe, you must pay the rest to us. If you do not pay this amount when we ask, we may charge you interest at a rate not exceeding the highest lawful rate until you pay.

g. What we may do about optional insurance, maintenance, service or other contracts. This contract may contain charges for optional insurance, maintenance, service, or other contracts. If we demand that you pay all you owe at once or we repossess the vehicle, we may claim benefits under these contracts and cancel them to obtain refunds of unearned charges to reduce what you owe or repair the vehicle. If the vehicle is a total loss because it is confiscated, damaged, or stolen, we may claim benefits under these contracts and cancel them to obtain refunds of unearned charges to reduce what you owe.

- 4. Used Car Buyers Guide. The information you see on the window form for this vehicle is part of this contract. Information on the window form overrides any contrary provisions in the contract of sale. Spanish Translation: Guía para compradores de vehículos usados. La información que ve en el formulario de la ventanilla para este vehículo forma parte del presente contrato. La información del formulario de la ventanilla deja sin efecto toda disposición en contrario contenida en
- 5. SERVICING AND COLLECTION CONTACTS
 You agree that we may try to contact you in writing, by e-mail, or using prerecorded/artificial voice messages, text messages, and automatic telephone dialing systems, as the law allows. You also agree that we may try to contact you in these and other ways at any address or telephone number you provide us, even if the telephone number is a

el contrato de venta.

APPLICABLE LAW
 Federal law and the law of the state of our address shown on page 1 of this contract apply to this contract.

cell phone number or the contact results in a charge to you.

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The Annual Percentage Rate may be negotiable with the Seller. The Seller may assign this contract and retain its right to receive a part of the Finance Charge.

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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DEFENDANTS

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